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SUBJ: SAUDI MEDIA COMMENTARY ON REDUCTION

1. SAUDI MEDIA REPORTS LATE AFTERNOON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, DEPARTURE FROM RIYADH OF PAKISTANI PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO AFTER MEETING WITH KING FAISAL. NO DETAILS GIVEN.

2. IN A COMMENTARY AFTER REPEATING EARLIER ROYAL COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING TEN-PERCENT IMMEDIATE CUT IN SAUDI OIL PRODUCTION RIYADH RADIO SAID THAT THE SENDING OF SAUDI TROOPS TO FIGHT IN FRONT LINES DID NOT MEAN THAT NATION WOULD NOT RESORT TO USING OTHER RESOURCES FOR WINNING WAR AGAINST ISRAEL. COUNTRY IS PREPARED TO PLACE ALL ITS RESOURCES AND POTENTIAL FOR WINNING WAR BECAUSE ISRAEL, DUE TO SUPPORT IT IS GETTING, HAS BECOME UNCLASSIFIED

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VERY BARBARIC, OBSTINATE AND ARROGANT. THE SAG, BROADCAST

WENT ON, BY TAKING ITS DECISION TO START REDUCING PROGRESSIVELY THE QUANTITY OF OIL SENT TO U.S. AND COUNTRIES SUPPORTING ISRAEL, ASSUMES COMPLETELY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS STEP AND WILL MEET ITS COMMITMENTS. IT ADDED THAT THE WISE AND REASONABLE KING FAISAL HAS TAKEN THIS STEP AFTER HAVING EXHAUSTED ALL EFFORTS AND MEANS FOR REACHING A REASONABLE AND JUST SETTLEMENT OF MIDDLE EAST CRISIS. FAISAL HAD WARNED THAT SUCH A STEP WAS INEVITABLE IF SUCH SETTLEMENT WERE NOT REACHED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, AND HAD ANNOUNCED THIS WARNING LONG BEFORE PRESENT FIGHTING BROKE OUT. FAISAL CONSIDERS BATTLE FOR PALESTINE TO BE HIS BATTLE BECAUSE PALESTINE IS SUCH A SACRED PLACE FOR MUSLIMS AND FOR ARABS.

3. COMMENTARY ENDED WITH STATEMENT THAT IT WAS NOW UP TO THE COUNTRY AND COUNTRIES (U.S. NOT NAMED) SUPPORTING ISRAEL AND IT IS HOPED THAT THESE COUNTRIES WOULD FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT SAUDI ARABIA IS DETERMINED TO TAKE ALL MEASURES WHATEVER AND TO BEAR WHATEVER SACRIFICES AND LOSSES IN SUPPORTING ITS ARAB BRETHREN IN THIS WAR.

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